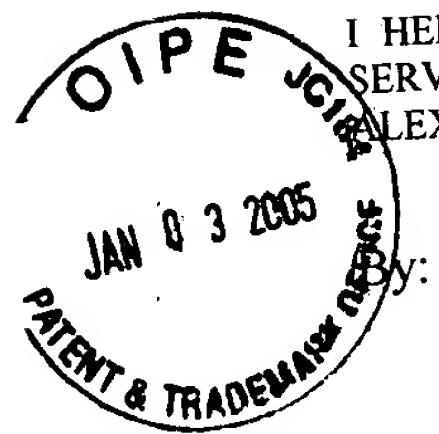


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Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to and including January 3, 2005 (January 2nd being a Sunday) for responding to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2004. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

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